

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	24654	Agenda Number	106.
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Meeting Date:	5/23/2013	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 to encourage the relocation of historically significant buildings in the Rainey Street subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay Combining District to appropriate locations outside of the subdistrict in lieu of demolition.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 20, 2013 - Approved by the Downtown Commission on a 9 - 1 vote with Commissioner Galligan voting against the approval of the draft ordinance. February 26, 2013 - Approved by the Planning Commission on 7 - 0 vote with Commissioner's Roark and Hatfield absent.
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MBE / WBE:	
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This amendment was initiated by the Planning Commission.

The amendment proposes a revision to City Code modifying existing Rainey Street subdistrict regulations to encourage relocating historically significant buildings to appropriate locations outside of the subdistrict in lieu of demolishing them. Relocation of the historically significant buildings and their adaptive reuse is preferred over demolition as it allows for continued productive use of these resources, meets sustainability goals, reduces the amount of building materials being sent to landfills, and allows the buildings to serve as compatible in-fill in other neighborhoods.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.